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Amdt. Dated August 25, 2004
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 1-3 and 7 have been amended and claims 8-18 have been cancelled. Claims 1-7 remain pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner objected to claim 8 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated such claim would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 8. Accordingly, claim 1 is now allowable. Furthermore, whereas claims 2-7 are dependent from claim 1, and include the limitations thereof, those claims are also now allowable.

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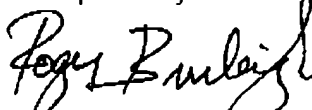
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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 1-7.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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